

Friends are necessities.

I believe that everyone needs a shoulder to cry on and a hand to hold when we feel upset, afraid or alone. How can you go through life without friends?

On the first day of Primary School, I was thrust out of my comfort zone, and into a class of unfamiliar faces. I remember being so excited and nervous at the same time! And on that first day of school, I also toppled my bottle and spilled water all over my table. Silly me! But amidst the sea of uncertainty, a friendly face came to me. She offered me some tissue, and helped me clean my table. Kayla and I clicked at once. She became my best friend.

Kayla and I were inseparable. Sometimes, Kayla would teach me some simple songs on the piano. When we ran rounds around the school track, Kayla would choose to run slowly beside me even though she could run much faster. When I felt like stopping, she would encourage me by saying that we were almost reaching the end. Without her, I would feel so lost and lonely. Friends give you support, friends give you confidence.

One day, our Science teacher brought us to the laboratory and let us experiment with microscopes. Everyone was excited. Or maybe a little too-excited. Happily, Kayla gave the adjustment knob a good, quick spin. The focus lens lowered and smashed the microscopic slide into half, and the specimen in it tore apart. Eeeks! We were horrified! Before we even had time to react, our teacher walked by our bench. She spotted the broken specimen. Ooops. She flew into a rage of fury and started yelling at Kayla. Kayla apologized immediately, but she still continued scolding her. Kayla blinked to control her tears. Kayla might have been wrong, but why couldn't our teacher see that it was an accident and Kayla was already sorry? She didn't have to be so harsh right? She was so awful!

I pretended to confess that I was the one who destroyed the slide, so Kayla didn't have to be scolded alone. That's what friends are for, right? The teacher proceeded to scold me, before storming off angrily. Kayla and I turned and stared at each other, before finally breaking into giggles. From crying to laughing, friends just have this magical ability to turn your frown upside down!

When I got home that day, I found a note in my pencil case. It was from Kayla. On it she wrote: Thank you for covering up for me, you are my best friend! That might have only been a tiny, cheesy, crumpled note, but it really made my day. It's important to be happy, and friends are there to make sure you always are, and always will be. Friends make you jump for joy, over the moon, and feel like you're on top of the world.

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